

Minnesota Labor Market Review

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March 1994 Data

Minnesota's Unemployment Rate Changes Little in March

Minnesota's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate edged upward from a revised 4.2 percent in February to 4.3 percent in March, but down from 5.1 percent a year ago. Minnesota's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate continues to be at least two percentage points below the corresponding national rates of 6.5 percent in February and March, and 7 percent a year ago.

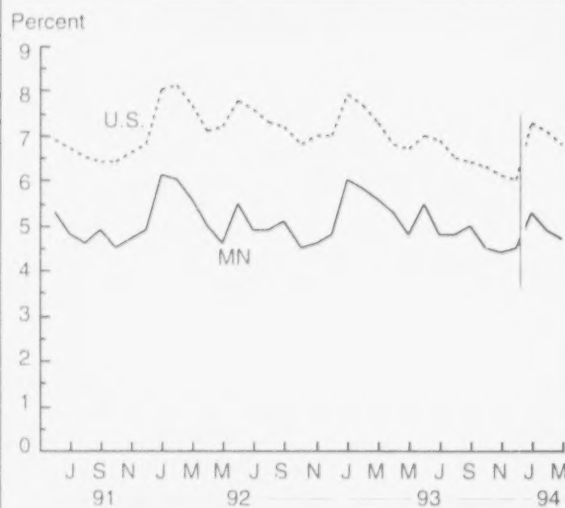
The unadjusted rate for Minnesota was 4.7 percent in March, down from 4.9 percent in February and 5.6 percent a year ago. The corresponding national rates were 6.8 percent in March, 7.1 percent in February and 7.3 percent a year ago.

Regionally, the average unemployment rate was lowest in the seven-county Twin Cities region at 3.4 percent, unchanged from February, and highest in the northern headwaters region around Bemidji at 10.3 percent, up from 10.1 percent in February. All other regions of the state experienced some improvement in their average unemployment rates from February to March. Two counties shared the lowest March unemployment rate of 3.1 percent -- Hennepin and Nicollet. The highest rate among the counties was 24.1 percent in Clearwater County, up from 22.7 percent in February.

From a separate monthly survey of employers, the number of nonfarm wage and salary jobs in Minnesota is up 64,100 from a year ago. This is over 27 percent greater than the 10-year average job increase from March to March. The nation had a 2 percent increase from a year ago compared to the state's 2.9 percent increase.

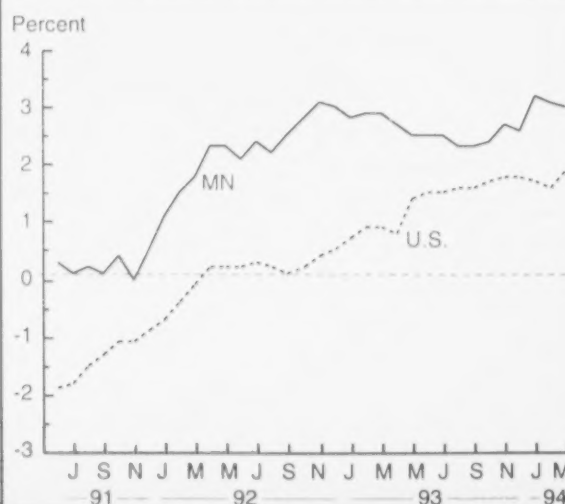
The industries with the greatest increase in jobs for Minnesota were services (up 25,100 jobs or 4.2 percent), trade (up 15,300 jobs or 2.9 percent) and government (up 9,200 jobs or 2.6 percent). Half of the job increase for services was in business and social services. Wholesale trade (durable goods) and eating and drinking places provided over 45 percent of the increase in trade. Over 85 percent of the government increase was at the local level.

**Monthly Unemployment Rate: U.S. and MN
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)**



Starting in January 1994 Unemployment rate based on new survey methodology.

**Total Nonfarm Jobs, U.S. and MN
Percent Change From Year Ago**



Metropolitan area job growth over the past year was:

St. Cloud	Increase of 2,400 jobs or 3.2 percent
Minneapolis-St. Paul	Increase of 40,300 jobs or 2.8 percent
Rochester	Increase of 1,300 jobs or 1.9 percent
Duluth-Superior	Increase of 600 jobs or 0.7 percent

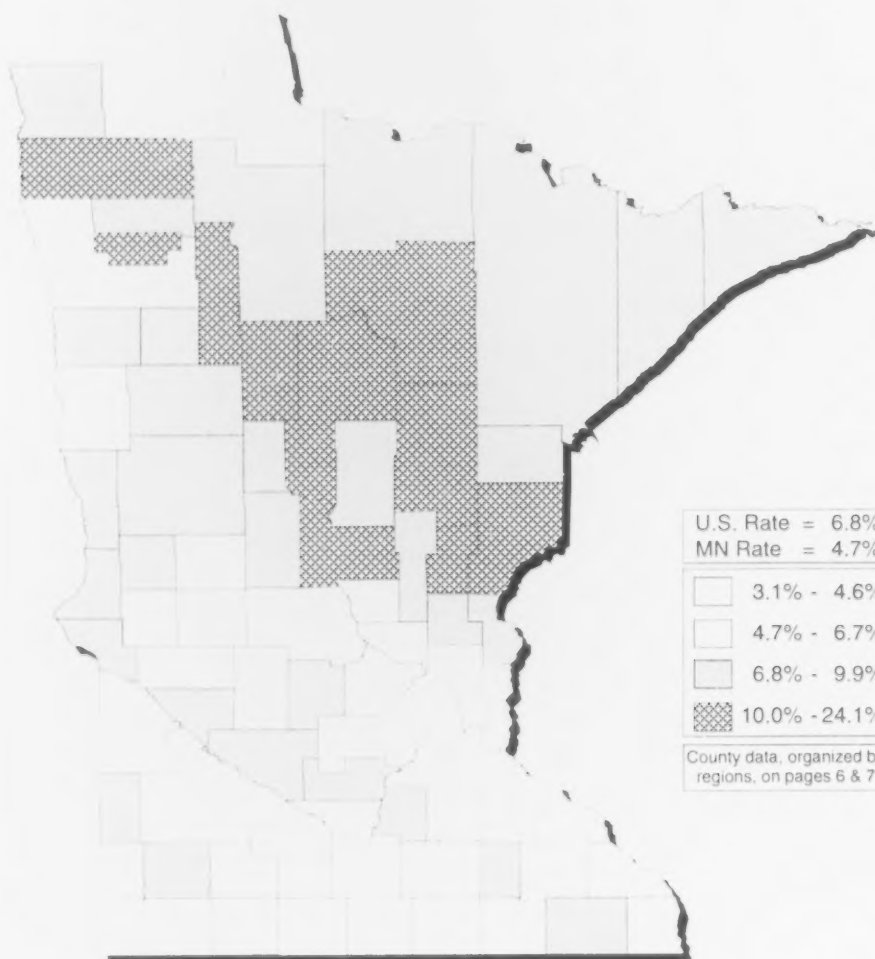
The number of nonfarm wage and salary jobs grew by 10,800 jobs from February to March. Two-thirds of these new jobs were in services and trade.



Minnesota Unemployment Rates by County

March 1994

(not seasonally adjusted)



U.S. Rate = 6.8%
MN Rate = 4.7%

3.1% - 4.6%
4.7% - 6.7%
6.8% - 9.9%
10.0% - 24.1%

County data, organized by
regions, on pages 6 & 7

Employer Survey of Minnesota Nonfarm Payroll Jobs, Hours and Earnings

Industry	Jobs* (thousands)			Percent Change From		Production Workers Hours & Earnings**					
	Mar 1994	Feb 1994	Mar 1993	Feb 1994	Mar 1993	Average Weekly Earnings		Average Weekly Hours		Average Hourly Earnings	
						Mar 1994	Mar 1993	Mar 1994	Mar 1993	Mar 1994	Mar 1993
TOTAL NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY	2,257.9	2,247.1	2,193.8	0.5	2.9	---	---	---	---	---	---
GOODS PRODUCING	478.4	476.4	470.5	0.4	1.7	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mining	6.7	6.5	7.3	2.8	-8.1	708.84	666.21	44.0	41.9	16.11	15.90
Metal Mining	5.3	5.4	6.0	-0.7	-11.4	735.32	694.73	44.7	42.7	16.45	16.27
Construction	67.2	66.1	63.5	1.7	5.8	704.52	694.13	38.0	37.5	18.54	18.51
Manufacturing	404.5	403.8	399.7	0.2	1.2	519.17	495.31	41.5	40.8	12.51	12.14
Durable Goods	231.5	231.0	228.3	0.2	1.4	529.62	504.71	41.9	41.1	12.64	12.28
Lumber, Wood, and Furniture	22.7	23.5	23.1	-3.5	-1.7	527.80	505.01	39.3	37.8	13.43	13.36
Stone, Clay and Glass Products	7.8	7.5	7.1	3.4	9.9	614.86	577.72	46.3	44.0	13.28	13.13
Primary Metals	6.3	6.2	5.9	0.9	6.3	568.23	537.10	42.5	41.7	13.37	12.88
Fabricated Metals	31.5	31.3	31.5	0.5	0.1	577.92	539.55	42.0	41.6	13.76	12.97
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	76.1	75.8	75.9	0.5	0.3	588.41	571.30	42.7	42.1	13.78	13.57
Computer and Office Equipment	30.3	30.2	31.5	0.5	-3.7	667.01	680.40	43.2	43.2	15.44	15.75
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	30.9	30.8	30.4	0.4	1.9	429.94	415.58	41.5	41.6	10.36	9.99
Transportation Equipment	12.5	12.2	11.5	2.7	8.4	499.62	459.73	41.6	39.7	12.01	11.58
Instruments and Related Products	34.2	34.3	34.4	-0.2	-0.7	477.84	458.99	42.1	41.5	11.35	11.06
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	9.4	9.3	8.5	1.0	11.0	413.95	410.28	39.2	39.0	10.56	10.52
Nondurable Goods	173.1	172.8	171.4	0.1	1.0	504.71	481.99	40.9	40.3	12.34	11.96
Food and Beverage Products	48.3	48.4	49.4	0.0	-2.1	448.03	423.60	41.6	40.0	10.77	10.59
Textile Mill Products and Apparel	5.1	5.1	4.8	-0.3	5.9	341.54	332.43	38.9	38.7	8.78	8.59
Paper and Allied Products	32.8	32.9	33.3	-0.2	-1.5	630.50	610.87	41.7	42.1	15.12	14.51
Printing and Publishing	54.6	54.6	52.6	0.0	3.8	489.84	462.77	39.0	38.5	12.56	12.02
Chemicals & Petroleum & Coal Products	12.7	12.6	12.6	1.0	1.2	700.81	662.72	43.1	43.6	16.26	15.20
Rubber, Plastics and Leather Products	19.4	19.2	18.7	1.0	3.9	464.52	450.58	42.0	41.3	11.06	10.91
SERVICE PRODUCING	1,779.6	1,770.7	1,723.4	0.5	3.3	---	---	---	---	---	---
Transportation, Comm., and Utilities	109.1	108.8	108.6	0.2	0.4	---	---	---	---	---	---
Transportation	75.0	74.8	74.6	0.2	0.5	---	---	---	---	---	---
Trucking and Warehousing	27.9	27.7	27.0	0.6	3.3	440.19	398.57	39.8	34.3	11.06	11.62
Communications and Utilities	34.1	34.0	34.0	0.3	0.1	647.53	659.36	37.3	37.4	17.36	17.63
Trade	536.1	532.0	520.9	0.8	2.9	274.18	266.34	28.8	28.7	9.52	9.28
Wholesale Trade	132.6	131.9	127.7	0.5	3.8	463.51	459.93	37.2	38.2	12.46	12.04
Retail Trade	403.6	400.0	393.2	0.9	2.6	216.67	208.21	26.2	25.8	8.27	8.07
Building Materials and Garden Supplies	16.8	16.6	16.0	1.3	5.0	344.91	336.23	32.6	31.9	10.58	10.54
General Merchandise Stores	55.5	55.9	55.3	-0.8	0.4	223.01	219.46	27.6	28.1	8.08	7.81
Food Stores	54.7	54.6	55.1	0.2	-0.6	244.98	257.71	27.1	27.8	9.04	9.27
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	45.2	45.2	43.2	0.0	4.7	330.26	324.39	33.7	34.4	9.80	9.43
Apparel and Accessories Stores	19.6	19.7	19.4	-0.4	1.3	153.78	136.11	23.3	21.3	6.60	6.39
Furniture, Home Furn., & Equip. Stores	16.9	16.9	15.9	0.5	6.8	306.65	300.14	31.1	31.2	9.86	9.62
Eating and Drinking Places	137.3	135.5	133.3	1.3	3.0	140.62	127.51	21.6	20.5	6.51	6.22
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate (FIRE)	139.2	138.6	132.9	0.4	4.7	---	---	---	---	---	---
Finance	63.5	63.4	59.9	0.3	6.0	---	---	---	---	---	---
Insurance	53.2	53.0	50.5	0.3	5.2	---	---	---	---	---	---
Real Estate	22.5	22.2	22.5	1.2	-0.2	---	---	---	---	---	---
Services	625.7	621.5	600.6	0.7	4.2	---	---	---	---	---	---
Personal Services	25.0	24.8	25.0	0.6	-0.3	---	---	---	---	---	---
Business Service	114.0	113.0	104.7	0.9	8.9	---	---	---	---	---	---
Automotive and Misc. Repair Services	24.0	23.9	23.3	0.5	3.0	---	---	---	---	---	---
Health Services	183.9	183.3	181.2	0.3	1.5	---	---	---	---	---	---
Nursing and Personal Care Facilities	47.1	47.0	45.8	0.4	2.8	---	---	---	---	---	---
Hospitals	55.5	55.3	56.4	0.3	-1.5	---	---	---	---	---	---
Legal Services	16.3	16.3	16.2	0.3	0.6	---	---	---	---	---	---
Private Educational Services	36.5	35.8	35.4	2.0	3.1	---	---	---	---	---	---
Government	369.5	369.9	360.3	-0.1	2.6	---	---	---	---	---	---
Federal Government	34.0	34.0	33.5	0.1	1.5	---	---	---	---	---	---
State Government	86.8	87.8	85.9	-1.2	1.0	---	---	---	---	---	---
State Government Education	49.2	50.5	49.2	-2.5	0.0	---	---	---	---	---	---
Local Government	248.7	248.1	240.9	0.3	3.3	---	---	---	---	---	---
Local Government Education	137.7	136.7	133.9	0.7	2.9	---	---	---	---	---	---

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Employer Survey of Twin Cities Nonfarm Payroll Jobs, Hours and Earnings

Industry	Jobs* (thousands)			Percent Change From		Production Workers Hours & Earnings**					
	Mar 1994	Feb 1994	Mar 1993	Feb 1994	Mar 1993	Average Weekly Earnings		Average Weekly Hours		Average Hourly Earnings	
						Mar 1994	Mar 1993	Mar 1994	Mar 1993	Mar 1994	Mar 1993
TOTAL NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY	1,460.7	1,456.0	1,420.5	0.3	2.8	---	---	---	---	---	---
GOODS PRODUCING	306.6	305.8	304.4	0.3	0.7	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mining	0.4	0.3	0.4	22.6	-14.6	736.75	772.56	42.1	45.1	17.50	17.13
Construction	41.4	40.8	41.1	1.5	0.7	765.20	736.52	37.9	36.9	20.19	19.96
Manufacturing	264.8	264.7	263.0	0.0	0.7	547.39	528.90	41.5	41.0	13.19	12.90
Durable Goods	153.5	153.4	153.4	0.1	0.0	559.86	537.18	42.0	41.1	13.33	13.07
Lumber, Wood, and Furniture	8.7	9.4	9.4	-7.4	-6.9	584.72	564.99	38.8	37.0	15.07	15.27
Stone, Clay and Glass Products	2.9	2.8	2.7	5.0	7.7	681.72	620.00	46.0	42.7	14.82	14.52
Primary Metals	4.8	4.8	4.6	0.8	5.2	586.04	551.67	43.8	42.6	13.38	12.95
Fabricated Metals	23.7	23.5	23.8	0.7	-0.6	621.53	576.16	42.6	41.6	14.59	13.85
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	52.0	51.7	52.1	0.5	-0.3	607.97	596.82	41.9	42.0	14.51	14.21
Computer and Office Equipment	19.1	19.0	20.0	0.6	-4.3	691.29	684.32	39.3	41.1	17.59	16.65
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	19.5	19.3	18.4	0.9	5.9	436.35	421.46	42.2	40.8	10.34	10.33
Transportation Equipment	5.5	5.4	5.2	1.4	5.6	636.73	578.00	41.0	39.4	15.53	14.67
Instruments and Related Products	30.6	30.7	31.2	-0.3	-2.1	505.24	493.74	42.6	42.2	11.86	11.70
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	5.9	5.9	6.0	0.4	-1.9	465.87	449.28	40.3	38.4	11.56	11.70
Nondurable Goods	111.3	111.3	109.5	0.0	1.6	532.52	515.67	40.9	40.7	13.02	12.67
Food and Beverage Products	19.1	19.1	18.9	0.1	1.1	518.49	521.56	43.1	42.3	12.03	12.33
Paper and Allied Products	26.0	26.0	26.3	-0.2	-1.2	566.00	528.52	40.4	40.1	14.01	13.18
Printing and Publishing	39.2	39.3	37.9	-0.2	3.5	500.91	488.75	38.8	39.1	12.91	12.50
Chemicals & Petroleum & Coal Products	11.5	11.4	11.2	0.9	2.6	730.50	705.52	43.9	44.4	16.64	15.89
Rubber and Misc Plastics Products	12.6	12.6	12.5	0.3	1.3	485.41	464.63	42.1	41.3	11.53	11.25
SERVICE PRODUCING	1,154.2	1,150.3	1,116.0	0.3	3.4	---	---	---	---	---	---
Transportation, Comm., and Utilities	77.2	76.8	77.4	0.5	-0.3	---	---	---	---	---	---
Transportation	55.5	55.2	56.0	0.5	-1.0	---	---	---	---	---	---
Trucking and Warehousing	18.0	17.9	17.7	0.6	1.6	455.87	365.66	37.8	28.5	12.06	12.83
Communications and Utilities	21.7	21.6	21.4	0.4	1.4	667.40	656.64	37.6	36.5	17.75	17.99
Trade	341.9	341.1	332.6	0.2	2.8	308.53	292.90	29.3	29.0	10.53	10.10
Wholesale Trade	88.1	87.9	84.7	0.2	4.0	522.15	506.73	37.7	38.1	13.85	13.30
Retail Trade	253.8	253.2	247.9	0.2	2.4	240.20	227.76	26.6	26.3	9.03	8.66
Building Materials and Garden Supplies	9.5	9.5	9.0	0.7	6.0	380.68	386.88	30.7	31.2	12.40	12.40
General Merchandise Stores	36.4	36.7	36.2	-0.8	0.5	251.34	252.59	28.4	29.0	8.85	8.71
Food Stores	31.6	31.5	31.6	0.3	0.2	283.28	284.00	28.3	29.4	10.01	9.66
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	26.1	26.1	24.8	-0.2	5.0	378.58	360.51	34.7	34.4	10.91	10.48
Apparel and Accessories Stores	13.8	13.8	13.4	0.0	3.2	154.67	136.00	23.4	20.7	6.61	6.57
Furniture, Home Furn., & Equip. Stores	11.5	11.5	10.8	0.0	6.5	385.28	348.54	32.0	31.4	12.04	11.10
Eating and Drinking Places	88.3	87.6	86.7	0.8	1.9	157.52	146.79	22.0	21.0	7.16	6.99
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate (FIRE)	110.2	109.8	105.1	0.4	4.8	---	---	---	---	---	---
Finance	47.6	47.6	44.5	0.0	6.9	---	---	---	---	---	---
Insurance	44.7	44.6	42.8	0.3	4.4	---	---	---	---	---	---
Real Estate	17.9	17.6	17.7	1.7	0.6	---	---	---	---	---	---
Services	415.7	413.1	396.1	0.6	5.0	---	---	---	---	---	---
Personal Services	17.8	17.6	17.7	1.3	0.5	---	---	---	---	---	---
Business Services	95.4	94.8	87.9	0.6	8.5	---	---	---	---	---	---
Automotive and Misc. Repair Services	17.7	17.6	17.3	0.3	2.2	---	---	---	---	---	---
Health Services	107.6	107.2	105.1	0.3	2.4	---	---	---	---	---	---
Nursing and Personal Care Facilities	25.6	25.5	24.9	0.4	2.7	---	---	---	---	---	---
Hospitals	33.3	33.2	33.9	0.1	-1.8	---	---	---	---	---	---
Legal Services	13.2	13.2	13.1	0.1	0.6	---	---	---	---	---	---
Private Educational Services	19.8	19.3	19.4	2.3	2.2	---	---	---	---	---	---
Government	209.3	209.4	204.9	-0.1	2.1	---	---	---	---	---	---
Federal Government	22.1	22.2	21.5	-0.1	2.9	---	---	---	---	---	---
State Government	58.9	59.2	57.3	-0.5	2.7	---	---	---	---	---	---
State Government Education	34.6	35.1	33.2	-1.5	4.1	---	---	---	---	---	---
Local Government	128.2	128.1	126.0	0.1	1.8	---	---	---	---	---	---
Local Government Education	72.3	72.0	71.7	0.4	0.8	---	---	---	---	---	---

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Employer Survey of St. Cloud MSA Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Industry	Jobs			% Chg. From	
	Mar 1994	Feb 1994	Mar 1993	Feb 1994	Mar 1993
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary	77,775	77,553	75,330	0.3	3.2
Goods Producing	16,751	16,594	16,016	0.9	4.6
Construction and Mining	2,967	2,809	2,534	5.6	17.1
Manufacturing	13,784	13,785	13,482	0.0	2.2
Durable Goods	7,072	7,047	7,119	0.4	-0.7
Nondurable Goods	6,712	6,738	6,363	-0.4	5.5
Service Producing	61,024	60,959	59,314	0.1	2.9
Transportation, Comm., and Utilities	2,674	2,619	2,707	2.1	-1.2
Trade	23,365	23,556	22,734	-0.8	2.8
Wholesale Trade	4,103	4,121	3,925	-0.4	4.5
Retail Trade	19,262	19,435	18,809	-0.9	2.4
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	2,424	2,394	2,368	1.3	2.4
Services	19,385	19,286	18,855	0.5	2.8
Health Services	5,826	5,747	5,789	1.4	0.6
Other Services	13,559	13,539	13,066	0.1	3.8
Government	13,176	13,104	12,650	0.5	4.2

Employer Survey of Rochester MSA Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Industry	Jobs			% Chg. From	
	Mar 1994	Feb 1994	Mar 1993	Feb 1994	Mar 1993
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary	69,094	68,983	67,828	0.2	1.9
Goods Producing	13,198	13,141	14,029	0.4	-5.9
Construction and Mining	1,853	1,865	2,006	-0.6	-7.6
Manufacturing	11,345	11,276	12,023	0.6	-5.6
Durable Goods	9,364	9,324	10,192	0.4	-8.1
Nondurable Goods	1,981	1,952	1,831	1.5	8.2
Service Producing	55,896	55,842	53,799	0.1	3.9
Transportation, Comm., and Utilities	2,031	2,005	2,031	1.3	0.0
Trade	14,407	14,363	13,339	0.3	8.0
Wholesale Trade	1,775	1,756	1,721	1.1	3.1
Retail Trade	12,632	12,607	11,618	0.2	8.7
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	1,917	1,904	1,808	0.7	6.0
Services	30,215	30,203	29,349	0.0	3.0
Health Services	19,548	19,617	19,464	-0.4	0.4
Other Services	10,667	10,586	9,885	0.8	7.9
Government	7,326	7,367	7,272	-0.6	0.7

Employer Survey of Duluth and Duluth-Superior MSA Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Industry	Duluth					Duluth-Superior MSA				
	Jobs			% Chg. From		Jobs			% Chg. From	
	Mar 1994	Feb 1994	Mar 1993	Feb 1994	Mar 1993	Mar 1994	Feb 1994	Mar 1993	Feb 1994	Mar 1993
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary	51,358	51,514	51,010	-0.3	0.7	99,171	98,840	98,526	0.3	0.7
Goods Producing	4,712	4,721	4,745	-0.2	-0.7	15,949	15,774	15,518	1.1	2.8
Mining	Combined with construction					4,846	4,830	4,953	0.3	-2.2
Construction	1,359	1,341	1,386	1.3	-1.9	2,876	2,697	2,670	6.6	7.7
Manufacturing	3,353	3,380	3,359	-0.8	-0.2	8,227	8,247	7,895	-0.2	4.2
Durable Goods	1,273	1,291	1,267	-1.4	0.5	4,405	4,409	4,391	-0.1	0.3
Nondurable Goods	2,080	2,089	2,092	-0.4	-0.6	3,822	3,838	3,504	-0.4	9.1
Service Producing	46,646	46,793	46,265	-0.3	0.8	83,222	83,066	83,008	0.2	0.3
Transportation, Comm., and Utilities	2,811	2,799	2,794	0.4	0.6	5,731	5,680	5,636	0.9	1.7
Trade	12,730	12,940	12,517	-1.6	1.7	25,230	25,248	25,285	-0.1	-0.2
Wholesale Trade	2,004	1,988	1,895	0.8	5.8	4,072	3,974	4,099	2.5	-0.7
Retail Trade	10,726	10,952	10,622	-2.1	1.0	21,158	21,274	21,186	-0.5	-0.1
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	2,271	2,271	2,169	0.0	4.7	3,458	3,452	3,328	0.2	3.9
Services	16,580	16,481	16,645	0.6	-0.4	26,928	26,917	27,021	0.0	-0.3
Health Services	7,195	7,172	7,025	0.3	2.4	11,212	11,220	11,078	-0.1	1.2
Other Services	9,385	9,309	9,620	0.8	-2.4	15,716	15,697	15,943	0.1	-1.4
Government	12,254	12,302	12,140	-0.4	0.9	21,875	21,769	21,738	0.5	0.6

Minnesota's Annual Job Growth Strong Compared to the Nation

- Minnesota's annual growth rate in new jobs was 2.9 percent (64,000 jobs), one full percent above the national job growth rate (1.9 percent) for March 1994.
- The Twin Cities area added two-thirds (40,300) of all the jobs added in the state since March 1993, a growth rate of 2.8 percent. Half of these new jobs were in services, one fourth were in trade and the rest were evenly split between finance, insurance and real estate (FIRE) and government.
- The St. Cloud area continues to show strong annual job growth, with a 3.2 percent increase in jobs since March 1993 (2,400 jobs). Growth was evenly spread among almost all major sectors, with only transportation, communication and public utilities showing any decline
- The Rochester area grew by 1.9 percent (1,300 jobs) since last March in total nonfarm payroll jobs. Solid gains in trade and services outpaced declines in construction and manufacturing.
- The Duluth-Superior area gained 600 jobs since March 1993 and half of these new jobs were in nondurable goods manufacturing. Construction showed a 7.7 percent increase (200 jobs) over the year.

Labor Force Estimates

County/Area	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate of Unemployment		
	Mar 1994	Feb 1994	Mar 1993	Mar 1994	Feb 1994	Mar 1993	Mar 1994	Feb 1994	Mar 1993	Mar 1994	Feb 1994	Mar 1993
United States ('000s)												
(Seasonally adjusted)	130,580	130,776	127,440	122,037	122,258	118,562	8,543	8,518	8,878	6.5	6.5	7.0
(Unadjusted)	129,718	129,765	126,682	120,844	120,503	117,406	8,874	9,262	9,276	6.8	7.1	7.3
Minnesota												
(Seasonally adjusted)	2,544,972	2,582,243	2,455,802	2,436,278	2,474,979	2,330,676	108,694	107,264	125,126	4.3	4.2	5.1
(Unadjusted)	2,522,606	2,547,858	2,433,484	2,403,431	2,423,672	2,297,873	119,175	124,186	135,611	4.7	4.9	5.6
Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA)*												
Mpls.-St. Paul MSA	1,553,209	1,567,686	1,491,329	1,496,062	1,509,198	1,424,049	57,147	58,488	67,280	3.7	3.7	4.5
Duluth-Superior MSA	118,257	119,230	115,876	109,308	110,026	106,888	8,949	9,204	8,988	7.6	7.7	7.8
St. Cloud MSA	89,626	91,076	86,756	85,127	86,196	81,589	4,499	4,880	5,167	5.0	5.4	6.0
Rochester MSA	66,006	66,806	62,953	63,448	64,161	60,760	2,558	2,645	2,193	3.9	4.0	3.5
Region 1	49,371	49,980	47,301	45,961	46,205	43,654	3,410	3,775	3,647	6.9	7.6	7.7
Kittson	2,523	2,578	2,520	2,340	2,380	2,284	183	198	236	7.3	7.7	9.4
Marshall	4,832	4,962	4,776	4,200	4,277	4,080	632	685	696	13.1	13.8	14.6
Norman	3,521	3,603	3,431	3,245	3,355	3,121	276	248	310	7.8	6.9	9.0
Pennington	7,118	6,911	6,857	6,585	6,238	6,228	533	673	628	7.5	9.7	9.2
Polk	21,322	21,653	19,831	20,278	20,477	18,788	1,044	1,176	1,043	4.9	5.4	5.3
Red Lake	2,117	2,168	2,029	1,740	1,788	1,708	377	380	321	17.8	17.5	15.8
Roseau	7,938	8,105	7,857	7,573	7,690	7,445	365	415	412	4.6	5.1	5.2
Region 2	33,326	33,601	32,335	29,899	30,213	28,701	3,427	3,388	3,634	10.3	10.1	11.2
Beltrami	16,708	16,881	16,239	15,367	15,561	14,789	1,341	1,320	1,450	8.0	7.8	8.9
Clearwater	3,922	3,851	3,912	2,978	2,975	2,945	944	876	967	24.1	22.7	24.7
Hubbard	7,194	7,313	6,973	6,411	6,492	6,170	783	821	803	10.9	11.2	11.5
Lake of the Woods	2,147	2,178	2,124	2,042	2,073	2,008	105	105	116	4.9	4.8	5.5
Mahnomen	3,355	3,378	3,087	3,101	3,112	2,789	254	266	298	7.6	7.9	9.7
Region 3	150,694	152,040	147,634	138,034	139,020	134,846	12,660	13,020	12,788	8.4	8.6	8.7
Aitkin	5,578	5,618	5,365	4,853	4,891	4,594	725	727	771	13.0	12.9	14.4
Carlton	15,297	15,321	14,465	13,998	13,972	13,201	1,299	1,349	1,264	8.5	8.8	8.7
Cook	2,538	2,609	2,453	2,348	2,398	2,260	190	211	193	7.5	8.1	7.9
Itasca	18,756	18,902	18,523	16,288	16,407	16,368	2,468	2,495	2,155	13.2	13.2	11.6
Koochiching	6,209	6,301	6,431	5,637	5,715	5,706	572	586	725	9.2	9.3	11.3
Lake	5,417	5,385	5,230	4,971	4,968	4,740	446	417	490	8.2	7.7	9.4
St. Louis	96,899	97,904	95,167	89,939	90,669	87,977	6,960	7,235	7,190	7.2	7.4	7.6
City of Duluth	42,529	42,892	41,795	40,005	40,330	39,132	2,524	2,562	2,663	5.9	6.0	6.4
Bal of St. Louis Cnty	54,370	55,012	53,372	49,934	50,339	48,845	4,436	4,673	4,527	8.2	8.5	8.5
Region 4	100,057	100,963	97,353	93,220	93,823	89,298	6,837	7,140	8,055	6.8	7.1	8.3
Becker	12,323	12,560	12,025	11,110	11,224	10,499	1,213	1,336	1,526	9.8	10.6	12.7
Clay	28,878	29,234	27,499	27,417	27,639	26,070	1,461	1,595	1,429	5.1	5.5	5.2
Douglas	15,158	15,200	14,731	14,260	14,293	13,607	898	907	1,124	5.9	6.0	7.6
Grant	3,056	3,099	2,906	2,826	2,875	2,630	230	224	276	7.5	7.2	9.5
Otter Tail	24,683	24,846	24,622	22,677	22,747	21,970	2,006	2,099	2,652	8.1	8.4	10.8
Pope	4,997	5,056	5,060	4,668	4,712	4,695	329	344	365	6.6	6.8	7.2
Stevens	5,321	5,365	5,128	5,014	5,053	4,825	307	312	303	5.8	5.8	5.9
Traverse	1,750	1,762	1,721	1,629	1,655	1,600	121	107	121	6.9	6.1	7.0
Wilkin	3,891	3,841	3,661	3,619	3,625	3,402	272	216	259	7.0	5.6	7.1
Region 5	65,894	66,308	62,706	59,908	60,102	56,206	5,986	6,206	6,500	9.1	9.4	10.4
Cass	10,308	10,393	9,765	9,235	9,233	8,594	1,073	1,160	1,171	10.4	11.2	12.0
Crow Wing	23,865	23,894	22,493	21,888	21,885	20,370	1,977	2,009	2,123	8.3	8.4	9.4
Morrison	14,885	15,000	14,371	13,351	13,445	12,651	1,534	1,555	1,720	10.3	10.4	12.0
Todd	10,625	10,836	10,180	9,669	9,836	9,177	956	1,000	1,003	9.0	9.2	9.9
Wadena	6,211	6,185	5,897	5,765	5,703	5,414	446	482	483	7.2	7.8	8.2
Region 6E	57,124	57,735	55,869	53,793	54,137	52,069	3,331	3,598	3,800	5.8	6.2	6.8
Kandiyohi	19,765	19,922	19,162	18,736	18,817	18,085	1,029	1,105	1,077	5.2	5.5	5.6
McLeod	19,277	19,514	18,611	18,432	18,581	17,524	845	933	1,087	4.4	4.8	5.8
Meeker	9,537	9,609	9,365	8,706	8,720	8,405	831	889	960	8.7	9.3	10.3
Renville	8,545	8,690	8,731	7,919	8,019	7,055	626	671	676	7.3	7.7	7.7
Region 6W	24,999	25,330	23,460	23,384	23,527	21,821	1,615	1,803	1,639	6.5	7.1	7.0
Big Stone	2,787	2,873	2,787	2,582	2,639	2,538	205	234	249	7.4	8.1	8.9
Chippewa	6,711	6,781	6,155	6,247	6,230	5,732	464	551	423	6.9	8.1	6.9
Lac Qui Parle	3,978	4,042	3,827	3,764	3,829	3,603	214	213	224	5.4	5.3	5.9
Swift	5,213	5,298	4,883	4,905	4,947	4,522	308	351	361	5.9	6.6	7.4
Yellow Medicine	6,310	6,336	5,808	5,886	5,882	5,426	424	454	382	6.7	7.2	6.6

*Note: State, regional and local estimates from past months (shown in tables on pages 6 and 7) may be revised from figures previously published.

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	Mar 1994	Feb 1994	Mar 1993	Mar 1994	Feb 1994	Mar 1993	Mar 1994	Feb 1994	Mar 1993	Mar 1994	Feb 1994	Mar 1993
Region 7E	60,480	60,997	58,653	55,204	55,461	52,691	5,276	5,536	5,962	8.7	9.1	10.2
Chisago	17,181	17,389	16,592	15,753	15,896	14,996	1,428	1,493	1,596	8.3	8.6	9.6
Isanti	14,040	14,225	13,704	13,079	13,197	12,450	961	1,028	1,254	6.8	7.2	9.2
Kanabec	6,832	6,912	6,754	6,034	6,077	5,877	798	835	877	11.7	12.1	13.0
Mille Lacs	9,999	10,093	10,047	9,152	9,203	9,048	847	890	999	8.5	8.8	9.9
Pine	12,428	12,378	11,556	11,186	11,088	10,320	1,242	1,290	1,236	10.0	10.4	10.7
Region 7W	155,567	158,040	150,550	146,934	148,563	140,424	8,633	9,477	10,126	5.5	6.0	6.7
Benton	18,617	18,944	18,069	17,535	17,756	16,807	1,082	1,188	1,262	5.8	6.3	7.0
Sherburne	25,223	25,606	24,466	23,706	23,921	22,566	1,517	1,685	1,900	6.0	6.6	7.8
Stearns	71,009	72,132	68,687	67,592	68,440	64,782	3,417	3,692	3,905	4.8	5.1	5.7
Wright	40,718	41,358	39,328	38,101	38,446	36,269	2,617	2,912	3,059	6.4	7.0	7.8
Region 8	63,454	64,114	61,266	60,344	60,824	57,929	3,110	3,290	3,337	4.9	5.1	5.4
Cottonwood	6,304	6,370	5,953	6,008	6,046	5,646	296	324	307	4.7	5.1	5.2
Jackson	5,831	5,826	5,383	5,544	5,543	5,097	287	283	286	4.9	4.9	5.3
Lincoln	3,149	3,181	3,037	2,930	2,956	2,821	219	225	216	7.0	7.1	7.1
Lyon	15,175	15,376	14,607	14,508	14,708	13,924	667	668	683	4.4	4.3	4.7
Murray	4,372	4,480	4,358	3,999	4,076	3,949	373	404	409	8.5	9.0	9.4
Nobles	10,073	10,288	9,896	9,631	9,815	9,386	442	473	510	4.4	4.6	5.2
Pipestone	4,817	4,815	4,822	4,582	4,537	4,488	235	278	334	4.9	5.8	6.9
Redwood	8,867	8,891	8,583	8,478	8,457	8,140	389	434	443	4.4	4.9	5.2
Rock	4,866	4,887	4,627	4,664	4,686	4,478	202	201	149	4.2	4.1	3.2
Region 9	115,029	116,426	113,904	109,322	110,207	106,989	5,707	6,219	6,915	5.0	5.3	6.1
Blue Earth	31,313	31,638	30,655	30,322	30,520	29,357	991	1,118	1,298	3.2	3.5	4.2
Brown	14,484	14,738	14,003	13,731	13,885	13,122	753	853	881	5.2	5.8	6.3
Faribault	7,661	7,744	7,879	7,150	7,199	7,217	511	545	662	6.7	7.0	8.4
Le Sueur	13,077	13,231	12,742	12,147	12,226	11,761	930	1,005	981	7.1	7.6	7.7
Martin	10,925	11,112	11,297	10,252	10,355	10,395	673	757	902	6.2	6.8	8.0
Nicollet	16,853	16,998	16,423	16,329	16,436	15,810	524	562	613	3.1	3.3	3.7
Sibley	6,383	6,452	6,388	5,825	5,855	5,786	558	597	602	8.7	9.3	9.4
Waseca	8,468	8,573	8,768	8,024	8,093	8,086	444	480	682	5.2	5.6	7.8
Watonswan	5,865	5,940	5,749	5,542	5,638	5,455	323	302	294	5.5	5.1	5.1
Region 10	240,491	242,798	231,689	228,856	230,710	219,989	11,635	12,088	11,700	4.8	5.0	5.0
Dodge	8,309	8,243	8,151	7,674	7,590	7,515	635	653	636	7.6	7.9	7.8
Fillmore	10,094	10,226	9,949	9,382	9,466	9,188	712	760	761	7.1	7.4	7.6
Freeborn	17,474	17,536	17,115	16,318	16,469	16,077	1,156	1,067	1,038	6.6	6.1	6.1
Goodhue	24,510	24,882	23,434	23,459	23,656	22,323	1,051	1,226	1,111	4.3	4.9	4.7
Houston	10,556	10,654	10,367	10,006	10,090	9,688	550	564	679	5.2	5.3	6.5
Mower	18,574	18,820	18,015	17,760	17,959	17,246	814	861	769	4.4	4.6	4.3
Olmsted	66,006	66,806	62,953	63,448	64,161	60,760	2,558	2,645	2,193	3.9	4.0	3.5
City of Rochester	44,244	44,752	42,131	42,472	42,949	40,672	1,772	1,803	1,459	4.0	4.0	3.5
Rice	27,606	27,919	27,362	26,106	26,317	25,647	1,500	1,602	1,715	5.4	5.7	6.3
Steele	18,031	18,097	16,881	17,294	17,298	16,100	737	799	781	4.1	4.4	4.6
Wabasha	10,769	10,950	10,437	10,202	10,335	9,845	567	615	592	5.3	5.6	5.7
Winona	28,562	28,665	27,025	27,207	27,369	25,600	1,355	1,296	1,425	4.7	4.5	5.3
Region 11	1,406,122	1,419,523	1,350,759	1,358,572	1,370,877	1,293,253	47,550	48,646	57,506	3.4	3.4	4.3
Anoka	156,565	158,223	150,851	150,031	151,390	142,818	6,534	6,833	8,033	4.2	4.3	5.3
Carver	31,163	31,502	29,854	30,009	30,281	28,566	1,154	1,221	1,288	3.7	3.9	4.3
Dakota	181,055	183,029	173,850	175,302	176,890	166,874	5,753	6,139	6,976	3.2	3.4	4.0
Hennepin	631,573	637,347	606,767	611,810	617,351	582,394	19,763	19,996	24,373	3.1	3.1	4.0
City of Bloomington	55,655	56,171	53,456	54,266	54,757	51,657	1,389	1,414	1,799	2.5	2.5	3.4
City of Minneapolis	208,608	210,424	200,467	201,197	203,019	191,523	7,411	7,405	8,944	3.6	3.5	4.5
Ramsey	277,148	279,638	265,989	267,963	270,390	255,080	9,185	9,248	10,909	3.3	3.3	4.1
City of St. Paul	145,257	146,579	139,510	139,525	140,789	132,817	5,732	5,790	6,693	3.9	4.0	4.8
Scott	36,647	37,094	35,446	35,131	35,449	33,442	1,516	1,645	2,004	4.1	4.4	5.7
Washington	91,971	92,690	88,002	88,326	89,126	84,079	3,645	3,564	3,923	4.0	3.8	4.5

*Note: Minneapolis-St. Paul Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) now includes Sherburne County and Pierce County in Wisconsin. St. Cloud Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) is now comprised of Benton and Stearns counties.



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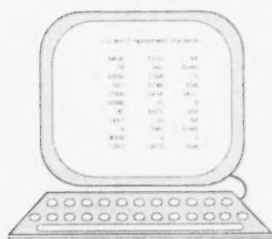
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Due to a change in the definition of the
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Statistical Areas (MSAs), the nonagricultural
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revisions will eventually be done through 1988,
but going back farther for these two MSAs will
mean that there is a break in the time series,
making comparisons difficult.

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level have been revised back to 1990, and again,
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